

# British Society for Research into Learning Mathematics

## Minutes of AGM

University of Northampton, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2007

1. **Apologies for absence:** None received.
2. **The minutes** of the AGM held on 11th November 2006 were accepted as an accurate record
3. **Matters arising from the minutes:** None.
4. **Treasurer's report:**

Hilary Povey presented the Treasurer's report. There was a discussion about the level of charges for day conferences. It was noted that conferences in or close to London tend to be expensive, but attract a large relatively high number of presenters and attendees.

The Executive were asked to continue to monitor the society's membership fees and charges for day conferences.
5. **Membership Secretary's report:**

Sue Elliott presented the Membership Secretary's report. She reported that, following a query at the 2006 AGM, the Executive had considered life membership, but had decided not to reactivate it.
6. **Publications Secretary's report:**

Dietmar Küchemann presented the Publications Secretary's report. He reported that RME9, the latest annual proceedings and the last in its present form, was due to be published shortly.
7. **RME (Research in Mathematics Education) Editorial report:**

Tim Rowland, joint Editor of RME, reported on progress of publication of the first issue of the journal, RME 10(1). The issue is due for publication and distribution in March 2008. He noted that to date only approximately 1/4 of submitted articles are from the UK and encouraged for more submissions from BSRLM members.
8. **Chair's business:**

Kenneth Ruthven presented the Chair's report. He highlighted three issues:

BSRLM serves as the Special Interest Group [SIG] on Mathematics Education of the British Educational Research Association [BERA]. One of the benefits of the BERA link is that each SIG is eligible to receive funding to support developmental activities. This year, the BSRLM Executive has decided to use the modest funds available to support submissions to the Economic and Social Research Council [ESRC] Seminars Competition. Essentially, the Executive will endorse every application which promises to involve a substantial number of BSRLM members in capacity building activity in mathematics education research; in particular it will offer to provide a (necessarily token) amount of financial support within the proposed budget. To receive consideration by the Executive, a full draft proposal for the seminar series must reach the Secretary by December 14 with a brief covering note indicating how it would satisfy the criterion above. Assessment of each proposal against this

criterion will be carried out by two present or past members of the Executive without any direct personal interest in it; a decision will be notified by the end of December, in advance of the ESRC submission date of January 8.

BSRLM, along with AMET, MA and ATM, organises ITEMaths, a training and development programme for ITE tutors / lecturers new to teacher education. Dave Miller reported on a writing workshop to take place in Birmingham on 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> January 2008. He encouraged BSRLM members, in particular, to volunteer to contribute to the “Developing as a researcher” topic.

The Executive propose to reinstate an annual New Researchers Day to coincide with the summer day conference. The 2008 New Researchers Day will take place at the University of Chichester on 20 June, the day before the day conference at the University of Southampton.

#### **9. Election to the Society’s executive positions:**

There were four vacancies on the Society’s executive committee from 2008. Three of these posts are due to the current port-holders reaching the end of their terms: Chair, Treasurer and Publications Secretary. There is also a new post due to the recent constitutional changes: a second member without portfolio, who will take responsibility for the organisation of day conferences.

The following members were dully nominated, seconded and elected unopposed to the following positions and periods of office:

Janet Ainley      Chair      (January 2008 – December 2010)

Liz Bills      Treasurer      (January 2008 – December 2010)

Marie Gibbs      Publications Secretary(January 2008 – December 2009)

No nominations had been received for the second member without portfolio.

#### **10. Resolution:**

In line with the constitution, the following constitutional change had been presented at the 2006 AGM to be voted on at this AGM:

The current constitution reads:

“10: The proceedings of these meetings will be sent to all members of the Society.”

It is proposed to substitute this with a new version of this paragraph as follows:

“10: The proceedings of these meetings will be made available by the Society on its website.”

The resolution was passed (34 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention.) It was noted that a paper copy would be available to any members who request it.

#### **11. Any other business:**

Thanks were expressed to Ken Ruthven, Hilary Povey and Dietmar Kuchemann who are due to retire in December 2008 from the following positions on the Executive: Chair, Treasurer and Publications Secretary.